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[RUSH] MESSAGE:

① please initial / line through citations on IDS dated 11/02/04.

② U.S. Serial No. 09/381,212 appears to be national stage of PCT/US98/03609. please amend specification to read "which is a 371 of PCT" instead of "claims priority" - see attached.

③ please provide relationship of Cont. data serial no. 08/823,516 (CON. DIV or CIP?). Text/spears reads "claims priority" - see attached. *Thank you Ann.*

[XRUSH] RESPONSE:

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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On page 1, please delete the paragraph between the title of the Invention, that is **METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR DETECTING TARGET SEQUENCES**, and the **FIELD OF THE INVENTION**, and replace it with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of ~~co-pending application serial no. 09/350,309, which is a divisional application U.S. Patent No. 5,985,557, and is also a continuation-in-part of co-pending application serial no. 09/381,212 which is a national entry of PCT application no. US 98/05809, which claims priority to U.S. Patent Nos. 5,994,069, 6,090,543, 5,985,557, 6,001,567, and 5,846,717 and PCT application no. US 97/01072.~~ U.S. 09/381,212 filed February 8, 2000, which claims priority to *→ should read "which is a 371"*  
PCT/US98/05809 filed March 24, 1998, which is a PCT application that claims priority to U.S. 08/823,516 filed March 24, 1997, now issued as U.S. 5,994,069 on November 30, 1999, which is continuation-in-part of U.S. 08/759,038 filed December 2, 1996, now issued as U.S. 6,090,543 on July 18, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. 08/756,386 filed November 29, 1996, now issued as U.S. 5,985,557 on November 16, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. 08/682,853 filed July 12, 1996, now issued as U.S. 6,001,567 on December 14, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. 08/599,491 filed on January 24, 1996, now issued as U.S. 5,846,717 on December 8, 1998. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. 09/350,309 filed on July 9, 1999, now issued as U.S. 6,348,314 in February 19, 2002, which is a divisional application of U.S. 08/756,386 filed November 29, 1996, now issued as U.S. 5,985,557 on November 16, 1999.

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On page 42, please delete the sentence of lines 19-21, and replace it with the following amended sentence: